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In re application of

Docket No: Q66492

Masashi AONUMA

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 154**

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.705, Applicant requests reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment to read 120 days, as originally indicated in the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment forwarded with the Notice of Allowance on March 1, 2004. Enclosed are a copy of the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment forwarded with the Notice of Allowance and a copy of the Issue Notification for the above-identified application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Filing Receipt for the only submissions made by the Applicant between mailing of the Notice of Allowance and payment of the Issue Fee.

As evident from these papers and from PAIR and PALM systems, the only submissions filed by the Applicant between mailing of the Notice of Allowance and payment of the Issue Fee

was a paper with a "Submission of Art." As clarified in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §

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1.704(c)(10) - Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed,” 12470G111 (6/26/01), “a response to the examiner’s reasons for allowance” is an example of a paper that does “not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application.” Although the publication does not specifically list “Submission of Prior Art” as an example of a paper that does “not cause substantially interference and delay in the patent issue process” and is “not considered a ‘failure to engage in reasonable efforts’ to conclude processing or examination of the application,” the publication also does not list “Submission of Prior Art” as an example of a submission after a Notice of Allowance which would cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process. Applicant respectfully submits that a “Submission of Prior Art” should not cause a reduction in Patent Term Adjustment. Accordingly, the Applicant requests reinstatement of all of the 78 days of the term reduced, to again provide the Applicant with the full patent term adjustment of 120 days set forth in the Determination of Patent Adjustment forwarded with the Notice of Allowance.

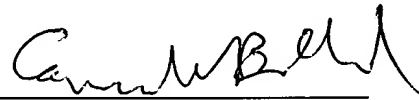
To the knowledge of the undersigned, this application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

In accordance with 69 Fed. Reg. 21704, 21706 (April 22, 2004), for patents issued after May 24, 2004, an applicant has two months within which to file a request for reconsideration of patent term adjustment. Thus, the present request is timely filed.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$200.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No.19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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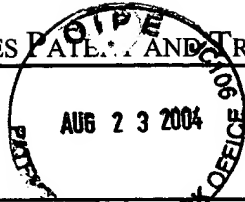
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The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 120 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 120 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

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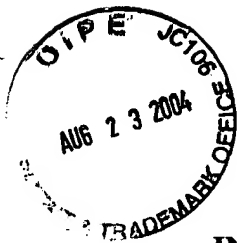
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Sir:

For the possible benefit of anyone subsequently evaluating the scope and/or validity of the above-identified patent (to be determined), it is requested that the documents that are listed below (copy enclosed) be placed in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office's file wrapper of the above-identified U. S. patent:

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 63-253348,
published October 20, 1988.
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 01-227139,
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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 04-123173,
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4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 04-155581,
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The above-listed documents are cited in the specification of the present
application.

The undersigned has not reviewed the teachings of the above-listed document in
detail and thus makes no representations concerning the relevancy or materiality of the
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